

REMARKS

Entry of the above-noted amendments prior to initiation of examination of the application is respectfully requested. The application has been amended to reflect the fact that FIG. 2(a) and the accompanying description are not prior art. Specifically, FIG. 2(a) has been amended to delete "Prior Art." Clean and marked-up copies of the figure are provided herewith. Formal drawings for all of the figures will be submitted shortly in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers. Furthermore, the paragraph describing FIG. 2(a) has been deleted from the "Background" section and moved to the "Detailed Description." No new matter has been added by these amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicants' Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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